

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-51 and 53. Please amend claim 52 as follows.

1-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A ~~composition for use in a~~ method for identifying a nucleic acid sequence obtained from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* species plasmid ~~comprising a first computer readable medium having recorded thereon one or more nucleotide sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:8283, said~~ ~~method~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) isolating and purifying ~~total~~ DNA from a *Bacillus thuringiensis* species;
- b) constructing a library of DNA clones from ~~the isolated and purified total~~ said DNA;
- c) identifying the polynucleotide sequences of said clones ~~each clone~~ and making the polynucleotide sequences available on a data storage structure ~~second computer readable medium~~;
- d) comparing the polynucleotide sequences ~~available in said second computer readable medium~~ with the nucleotide sequences on a ~~said first computer readable medium~~, said nucleotide sequences being selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:8283, and
- e) subtracting from said data storage structure polynucleotide sequences ~~from said second computer readable medium~~ that exhibit complete complementarity with said nucleotide sequences ~~from said first computer readable medium~~;

wherein ~~one or more~~ said polynucleotide sequences remaining ~~in~~ on said ~~second computer readable medium~~ data storage structure ~~comprise~~ *Bacillus thuringiensis* plasmid sequences ~~encode proteins selected from the group consisting an insect inhibitory protein and an antibiotic biosynthesis protein.~~

53. (Canceled)